



WisDOT/Wisconsin Counties Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2004, 9:55-10:30am

People in attendance

Casey Newman, WisDOT BOP

Bobbi Retzlaff, WisDOT, BOP

WHA Transportation Committee (approximately 30 individuals)

1. Overview of WisDOT's meeting purpose and WisDOT's long-range plan, *Connections 2030*, by WisDOT staff: The meeting began at 9:55. Casey Newman, WisDOT, gave an overview of WisDOT's long-range plan *Connections 2030*. WisDOT is seeking input on transportation planning issues from larger Wisconsin cities at this point. *Connections 2030* is scheduled to be completed in 2006.
2. Gathering of input from WCA: Discussion focused on the following issues:

- a. Maintenance

An individual suggested there needs to be a policy stating no highway will be built or expanded unless funding is available for maintenance.

Another individual noted counties need to be given greater flexibility in determining how funds are spent.

Several individuals raised the issue of funding bicycle paths. Comments included using funds to build bicycle paths when adjacent roadways need maintenance; charging user fees for bicyclists; and whether the state will appropriate funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mary Forlenza noted that federal funds are available (e.g., enhancements, CMAQ) and a local match is required. Mary also clarified for bicycle paths to receive transportation funding, they must be used as commuter routes, not just recreational.

- b. Comprehensive Planning

An individual from north central Wisconsin indicated that no statewide plans are being incorporated into comprehensive plans.

- c. WCA Survey

WCA offered to survey members (highway, planning, zoning) on issues, and then provide the results to WisDOT. The survey should be completed by the end of summer.